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**MORE WRECKS ON THE LAKES**

**Steamer Hebard Lost and Crew of Fourteen Are Believed Drowned.**

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 1.—The steamer Chas. Hebard was wrecked at Point Mainsee early today. She broke up and disappeared completely and it is believed that her crew of 14 men were all lost. The schooner Aloha, which the Hebard had in tow is still missing on Lake Superior. The Washington and Portage companies which formed the other boats of the steamer's tow are anchored at Point Mainsee. The news of the disaster was brought by the steamer Ossifrage, which reached here this afternoon. On approaching Point Mainsee, the Hebard was sighted ashore there. Not long afterwards, in plain sight of the Ossifrage, the wrecked steamer broke up and disappeared from view.

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**Takes Oath Of Office**

**Hon. W. W. B. McInnes Is Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education**

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**H. L. Robertson Will Contest North Victoria in Government Interest.**

The vacancy caused in the provincial cabinet by the resignation of Mr. Denis Murphy was filled yesterday morning when Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, member for North Nanaimo, was sworn in as provincial secretary and minister of education, the portfolio which Mr. Murphy vacated.

Immediately that Mr. McInnes' appointment was made known by wire to his constituents, congratulations and assurances of support by telegraph began to pour in upon him from the Coal City and all along the line of the E. & N. railway.

A special to the Colonist from Nanaimo indicates that it is very unlikely that Mr. McInnes will have any serious opposition—in fact it is doubtful if anyone rash enough to risk a deposit will be found to contest the seat with him. The despatch says:

Nanaimo, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Speculation has been rife in the city today as to who will be brought up in the district to North Nanaimo to oppose Mr. McInnes. His only political enemy in the city at the present time is J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Socialist, who is opposed to railway development where there is a bonus attached. Business men here are a unit for the Prior government, and development. The Socialists have not yet announced the name of the man they will put up in North Nanaimo, and it is really doubtful if one can be found who is willing to take a stand against the development policy of the new government.

The writ of election for North Nanaimo was issued yesterday, addressed to Thomas Haggart, returning officer. The nomination has been fixed for Thursday, December 11, and the voting, if a poll be called for, for December 15.

The polling places are: MacKay's old store, Wellington; school house, N. Nanaimo, and school house, English River. Mr. McInnes leaves for his constituency this morning.

**NORTH VICTORIA.**

H. L. Robertson, of Moresby Island, announces himself as a demagogue in the field in the government interest in North Victoria. Mr. Robertson is well known and very popular in all parts of the constituency, and there is no fear whatever of being returned by a handsome majority, even if the opposition should put up a candidate. As president of the Island Agricultural Association, Mr. Robertson has done a great deal towards advancing the interests of the district, and it was due mainly to his efforts that the splendid district exhibit, which took first prize at the Victoria fair against the province. The writ of election will be issued immediately, and the election will likely take place before Christmas.

In North Victoria, as in North Nanaimo, the great majority of the electors are strongly in favor of the progressive policy enunciated by the Prior government, so much so that it will go hard with any candidate who comes out in opposition.

**WILL CHANGE HANDS.**

Toronto Paper Will Likely Pass to New Owners.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—Customs collections here for the 11 months ended November 30 show an increase of \$411,941.

The World this morning says there are rumors current to the effect that another Toronto daily will soon pass into new hands, which will also control pulp and paper mills.

**COAL SHORTAGE.**

Many Boats Waiting But Few Loading.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—Word comes from Oswego, N. Y., that 35 boats are lying in the harbor there waiting for coal, but that only two boats will be able to get loaded before the close of the month, which means that transportation of coal to Canadian ports has practically ceased by boat for the season.

**MAIL SACK LOST.**

It Contained Large Amount in Drafts and Checks.

Danville, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The loss of a sack of mail containing \$14,000 in drafts and checks, from the International Revenue office here, and \$8,000 in bank checks and drafts besides certificates from various parties, was reported today. The sack was stolen or lost between the Danville post office and the depot, or on the Cincinnati mail train.

**GENERAL PARSONS.**

Expresses His Views on a Colonial Imperial Force.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1.—Gen. Parsons, commander-in-chief of the Imperial forces in Canada, in an address here tonight suggested that the formation of an Imperial Colonial force with headquarters in England, for the different colonies supplying men for the companies. He believed this would enable the Empire to work further for the general good of the army.

**FRENCH STRIKE.**

Work at Standstill But No Disturbance.

Marseilles, Dec. 1.—The port remained quiet throughout the day, but many strikers were loitering about the quays and wharves, where work was almost completely at a standstill. Vessels arriving from abroad, however, find no difficulty in discharging. Three thousand five hundred strikers met today and adopted a manifesto demanding that the towing companies should cease their service as regards French vessels. They also passed a resolution calling on all engineers and stokers to abandon work within 24 hours under the penalty of being pronounced the false brother. Tranquility prevails in the city tonight. Eight thousand troops are here, and the ports are strongly patrolled, but nothing has occurred here to call for the intervention of the military.

**WESTMINSTER ELECTIONS.**

Nominations Made for Civic Board—Mayor Keary Re-elected.

New Westminster, Dec. 1.—Civic nominations were held today, one result being that Mayor Keary was re-elected by acclamation for a second term.

There are more candidates than vacancies for both aldermen and school trustees, so an election will be held next Monday. The nine aldermanic candidates are as follows: The first five are seeking re-election; Ald. Hart and R. Ydall (retiring after one year's service); W. A. Johnson, Jos. A. Johnson, W. E. Vanstone, Marshall Sinclair, B. W. S. Sill, A. J. Holmes, Ralph Wilson, Wm. Pope, W. W. Forrester.

For school trustees there are seven candidates for three vacancies. The three first named are seeking re-election: Mrs. A. J. Hill, James Cunningham, John Reid, Peter Peebles, W. A. D. Jones, W. T. Cookley, Alf. Herdman.

There is no change locally in the telephone strike situation. The local manager and one new girl are keeping the service up as well as they can.

The provincial tax sale was resumed this afternoon. A great many properties, more or less improved, in all parts of the district were sold. The indications are that it will be a record sale for the government.

Tonight the Scotchmen of the Royal City are celebrating St. Andrew's day with a concert and ball.

**HORRIBLE DEATH.**

Bowmanville Man Hung by the Arm on a Windmill.

Bowmanville, Dec. 1.—With one arm held in the machinery of a windmill, J. M. Jones, hung suspended for seven hours from midday Saturday to day-break yesterday. He died soon after being rescued. Jones went to the top of his barn to stop the windmill, and in some way got caught in the machinery and was unable to make himself heard in order to obtain release.

**Strike Is Not Yet Settled**

**Attempt in Vancouver to Operate Telephones With Non-Union Hands.**

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1.—Contrary to the expectations of the business men who interviewed Superintendent Kent on Saturday night he declined this morning to entertain their proposition of allowing a committee of business men to take charge of the switchboard for ten days to enable the telephones to be used while the strike was being settled. Mr. Kent states that with new hands, which have been practicing on the switchboard since the strike, he will be able to renew the service tomorrow morning.

Mr. Dubberly has brought to Vancouver a large section of the wreck of a trader's launch found at Jervis inlet. It is feared that a fatal accident has happened.

F. M. Morse, third vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, and William Vainwright, of the same road, are in Vancouver. Mr. Morse, in an interview, said that the Grand Trunk would ask for subsidies from the different governments. In the construction of the trans-continental line to Port Simpson they would expect similar treatment from a subsidy standpoint to that which had been meted out to the Canadian Northern and the C. P. R.

**Grand Trunk Officials Are Looking For Subsidies For Pacific Line**

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**CABLE READY FOR BUSINESS**

**Trans-Pacific Line to Be Turned Over By Contractors on Monday.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The Pacific cable will be taken over from the contractors by the board of control next Monday, and will then be ready for business on Tuesday. The cable will be turned over on Wednesday. At one of the meetings ministers will pass on the case of the boy murderer Higgins, who is under sentence of death in New Brunswick. There is not likely to be any interference.

Dr. S. E. Dawson, King's printer, is acting secretary of the Royal Society. He will probably be elected to succeed the late Sir John Bonriquet.

Parcels may now be exchanged between Canada and Japanese post-offices at Korea and China.

William Mackay, one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley, died this morning. He was a multi-millionaire.

The Ottawa Field Battery fired a salute today in honor of Her Majesty's birthday.

The Normal school students today fittingly marked the death of the death of Principal McCabe, who dropped dead of heart disease at church yesterday.

Customs revenue for November shows an increase of \$1,715,373, and for the five months of \$4,763,000.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture of British Columbia, is visiting the city.

The Post Office Department is advised that the mail carriers who started recently from Edmonton with mail for the Peace River country, had "run back" owing to the Athabasca river not being frozen over.

**MURDER AT SYDNEY.**

John Brookman Robbed and Killed in Nova Scotia Town.

Halifax, Dec. 1.—With a face battered and a body scratched, the body of John Brookman, aged 27, who had been murdered, was found in an old cartage shed at Windsor Pier, near Sydney on Saturday night.

Daniel Chanley, a brickman in the employ of the Dominion Iron & Steel company, was killed by a train at McKinnon's siding, on Saturday night. Chanley was a recent mate of Tom McDonald, a brickman, who was killed by a train on Friday night, and before starting work, Chanley told some friends that he had a presentiment that he would meet the same death as McDonald, and he did.

**Siam's Next King Here**

**Crown Prince Vajiravudh and Suite Are Entertained at Victoria.**

**Dine With the Lieut Governor—Many Places of Interest Visited.**

**Leave For the Orient This Morning By Empress of China.**

H. R. H. Somdet Chofa Maha Vajiravudh, crown prince of Siam, and suite, arrived by the steamer Charnier on Sunday evening. He was met by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Joly de Lotbiniere, Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, premier, and members of the government, and Mayor Hayward, who formally welcomed the royal party to Victoria, and escorted them to the Empress of China, where they are quartered.

The party is made up as follows: H. R. H. Crown Prince Somdet Chofa Maha Vajiravudh, His Excellency Phya Akang Varan, Siamese minister at Washington; His Excellency Major Phya Rajavallabh, first aide-de-camp; Capt. Luang Sarasiddhi, second aide-de-camp; Mr. H. Aungmye, private secretary to the Prince; E. H. Lott, secretary of the Siamese legation; Prof. H. Gore, of the Columbian University, Washington; H. Darnell, of the Pennsylvania railway, who has charge of the special train service; S. C. Wheeler and R. H. Taylor, of the United States secret service corps, who have been guarding the Prince, but whose duties are purely honorary in Victoria, as they are taken over by Chief Langley and the local police, an officer being stationed every hour of the day with the party; J. E. Weismuller, courier; W. Short and J. A. Dorn, George Denny, special correspondent of the Associated Press, who has toured for 8,000 miles across the continent with the royal party, did not come to Victoria, being ordered back to New York from San Francisco.

The distinguished Orientals are being entertained in Victoria, having been the guests of the government yesterday afternoon, when they were driven to several local points of interest. They had expressed a wish to see a sawmill, and the party went to the sawmill, and a visit was made to the government buildings and to Government House. Last night they dined at Government House, and the Lieutenant-Governor, and this morning, ere these lines are read, they are on the Pacific in one of the three best steamers on the Western coast, the Empress of China.

The drive through the city included a visit to Sayward's mills. His Royal Highness had not seen sawmills in the United States, although he has seen many other things during his visit, and knowing of the timber export trade of Victoria, he expressed a wish to see a saw mill in operation, and the party went to the sawmill, where the guests of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the aldermanic board on the drive through the city, and were escorted by the Mayor and Ald. McInnes, and then to the Empress of China, where a formal call was made on the Premier and members of the government, and then the party went through the government buildings, being much impressed with the architectural and other beauties of that stately pile. The museum was also visited, and highly pleased the royal party. On the return from the museum, the Prince was presented with a special copy of "Dietesque Victoria," the Tourist Association publication, bound in purple and with a special page inscribed, bearing an inscription noting the occasion on which it was presented.

Last night the Prince and party were entertained at dinner at Government House by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, all the members of the suite being present, and after this function, the royal party returned to the Empress of China, where they embarked on the steamer Empress of China, which will leave them Westward to Yokohama, where they spend the night, and then continuing on to Niam, where the Empress of China did not sail until about 1:30 this morning, the steamer being delayed, among other reasons to prevent her sailing on Monday. The Empress of China in the Occident does not like to sail from port on a Friday; with the Oriental it is different. Monday is the unlucky day, and the voyage was postponed on Tuesday morning in consequence.

**FROM PRINCE TO BIGGAB.**

It is nine years since the Crown Prince trod the gilded floors of Bangkok's palaces. For nine years he has been educated at the British centres of learning, and he will be given a cast-off yellow robe by one of Buddha's priests. Then commences the ordeal of self-denial which Southern Buddhists demand of all men, and more especially of princes, in memory of Sakya Mouni and the great renunciation.

In the presence of his royal father, the next Lord of the White Elephant will have his head shaved, and then the King will bid him to be gone, with naught but the yellow robe to cover his nakedness, and the begging bowl in his hand, that he may show that he is worthy of membership in the brotherhood of men who help those who are needy and console those who are afflicted.

For days the Crown Prince, so fresh from royal banquets and republican junketing, will plod the dusty roads and paddle the klons of the great city, begging for alms, and eating and drinking the humble bowl, his daily rice. And when the sun sinks and he returns to the wat or temple upon whose hard floor he must sleep; it will not be to gorge himself with the food his prayers have secured. In every temple there are a number of permanent pensioners, and then the casuals who drop in—these must all be fed by the Prince, as well as the monks.

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## THE ELECTIONS.

The government is showing commendable promptitude in filling the cabinet, and in bringing on the long-delayed election in North Victoria. The extent to which the government has been injured by the very unusual action of Mr. Murphy is strictly limited to West Yale. When a member of the legislature and of the cabinet drops suddenly out of political existence, a certain amount of political demoralization is inevitable in that member's constituency. But the effect even in his constituency is merely transient, and in the rest of the province absolutely nil. We have no doubt whatever that the electors of West Yale, when they know the strength and policy of the Prior administration, will cordially endorse it by returning a supporter, and will share the general regret that their erstwhile representative disassociated himself from a government so strong in its members and so strong in its policy that it is destined to inaugurate an era of progress and prosperity throughout the province. In the meantime the conviction expressed in the campaign cry of "Prior and Prosperity" is growing in strength in all directions. It is based upon the character of the leader of the government, who is alert, aggressive and devoid of fear. It is based equally upon the character of the colleagues he has gathered round him. In giving Mr. W. W. B. McInnes a responsible portfolio, Colonel Prior has placed him in a position where he can show his mettle. He has given him an opportunity to explain the policy of the government on the public platform, an opportunity of which no man is capable of taking better advantage than he is. The campaign in North Vancouver, even although it will be as one-sided as a parade, will, in the hands of the ablest speaker in British Columbia, be of great educational value as a demonstration that the strength of this government lies not merely in votes, but in the reasonableness and progressive nature of its policy. For North Victoria, Mr. H. L. Robertson has announced himself as a candidate in the government interest. Mr. Robertson declares himself to be a loyal and devoted follower of Colonel Prior, and with "Prior and Prosperity!" on his banner, he is certain of carrying it to victory. Colonel Prior has been but a short time in office. But already the feeling of political unrest and dissatisfaction occasioned by the events of the last five or six years, is passing away, and willing recruits are emerging in all parts, ready and eager to take a hand in helping the province through the difficulties of the great formative period of its existence now appearing immediately ahead, recruits full of loyalty to their leader and burning with enthusiasm for the good government and prosperity of their country.

Pond Mother—"I do wish you would look over some of my little boy's sketches, and give me your candid opinion on them. They strike me as perfectly marvelous for one so young. The other day he drew a horse and cart, and I can assure you, you could scarcely tell the difference!"—Punch.

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## THE MINING LAWS.

Mr. Skinner's letter on the mining law of the province will, we hope, carry out the purpose for which it is intended, namely, to raise discussion as to proposed amendments. Placer mining is, we should think, with due deference to those who know more about law than we do, the most difficult and complicated branch of jurisprudence in the world. It involves all the difficulties of water rights and riparian rights, with many added, peculiar to the nature of the industry of placer mining. There is an everlasting conflict between the hydraulic mining company on the one hand and the individual miner upon the other. Every placer gold field has testified to the difficulty of reconciling and adjusting claims between the two. If the law leans to the one it opens opportunities for the individual miner to stake claims, not for the purpose of erecting proprietary rights against the hydraulic company, which it is compelled to purchase. If, on the other hand, the law leans to the company, it may bring about the most disastrous and deplorable condition of affairs which can be conceived of in any country, that namely where the company or capitalist is able to swallow up and eliminate the miner without giving him adequate compensation. To have a law fair in its spirit and general scope between the two, is difficult, to have one under which the two will never clash is impossible. We should think that the placer mining law must be judged by its general working, and amendments to it must be limited strictly to proposals whose effects, if they are carried out, can be traced in every direction, and as affecting all interests, and not merely in some directions as affecting some interests. Here is a matter in which experimental legislation must be most carefully avoided. The great feature about experimental legislation is that in curing one evil it generally creates two or three more, and greater evils. In so complicated a business as that of placer mining, this is bound to be its result. The specific directions in which Mr. Skinner wants the law changed are the substitution of a crown grant for a leasehold title, and the absorption of abandoned claims within leasehold boundaries in these leases. As to the former, it is remarkable that the substitution of a leasehold for a crown grant tenure has been advocated as the remedy for the very evil of which Mr. Skinner complains in the quartz mining regulations, the tying up of large areas of undeveloped mineral lands. We understand that there are over 3,000 Crown grants to mineral land in this province, on most of which the maximum of development has been the expenditure of \$500 necessary to secure a Crown grant. It occurs to us that if the Crown grant system were introduced in connection with hydraulic mining, no matter what restrictions were placed upon the obtain-

ing of a Crown grant, numerous companies would be formed, the limit of whose capital would be the money necessary to comply with these restrictions. However, there is this to be said, that under the Crown grant system our quartz mining industry has progressed fairly well, while under the other system our hydraulic mining industry has not progressed as rapidly as it should. Though whether an exact parallel between the conditions of the two industries can be drawn, is doubtful, Mr. Skinner's second proposal seems most reasonable. It is not obvious why a hydraulic company should be held to the terms of its lease, and an individual miner be able, by lay-overs and relocations, to do so until the company is prepared to buy him out at his own price. In quartz mining, to which Mr. Skinner shortly refers, the evil of relocation is very patent in some districts, but we doubt very much whether the remedy proposed by him would be effective without working greater injury than it did good. However, the discussion of this point may be left to a later date.

Doctor (flashing patient sampling a bottle of whisky): "Here, here, my man, that will never do. That's the cause of all the trouble." Facetious Patient: "Well, then, fill your glass, doctor. Now we've found the cause, the sooner we get rid of it the better."—Glasgow Evening Times.

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EXTRAORDINARY CLEARANCE SALE COMMENCES WEDNESDAY. Owing to carpenter work which has to be done in this department, the room now taken up will be wanted next Monday for this purpose and for installing elevators, etc.

For this reason all stock must be sold in four days—Wednesday till Saturday. Delicate stock of this kind cannot be moved about without being considerably damaged, and great reductions are made in order to clear out every Trimmed Hat before next Saturday.

### All Trimmed Hats

To go at \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 each (Former prices up to \$15.00 each).  
Untrimmed Hats ..... 50c.  
Ornaments ..... 10c.  
Wings ..... 25c.  
All Outing Hats ..... \$1.00 (Were up to \$4.50).

## OUR ANNUAL

### Xmas Sale of Silks

COMMENCES WEDNESDAY MORNING 9 A.M.  
As usual we take this month of the year to reduce our stock of high-class Silks. Commencing Wednesday the following will be on sale:

Fancy Silk, suitable for waist and coat lining; regular 50c. and 75c. .... \$16.50  
DECEMBER SALE PRICE ..... 35c.

Blouse Silks, in stripes and polka dots; regular 75c. and 90c. .... \$16.50  
DECEMBER SALE PRICE ..... 50c.

Fancy Broches, pretty for waists or dresses; regular \$1.25 ..... \$5.00  
DECEMBER SALE PRICE ..... 75c. yard

Colored Taffetas, a full range; regular 90c. and \$1.00 ..... \$7.50  
DECEMBER SALE PRICE ..... 75c.

A line of all Black in nice heavy quality, including polka dots and small patterns; regular \$1.25 ..... \$7.50  
DECEMBER SALE PRICE ..... 75c.

Some pretty figured Silks, in light colors, suitable for evening wear; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 ..... \$5.00  
DECEMBER SALE PRICE ..... \$1.00.

Handsome Lace Insertion Stripes; regular \$1.50 to \$1.75 ..... \$1.15  
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5 Pieces Heavy Black Brocade Silk; regular \$2.50 and \$2.75 ..... \$1.25  
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A few pieces all Black Lace Insertion Stripes, and evening shades in Broches; regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 ..... \$1.35  
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Two other lines in Heavy Brocade Satens, in evening shades; were \$2.00 to \$2.75 ..... \$1.05 to \$2.50  
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### Sale of Ladies' French Flannel Waists Today

This department has had a very poor show the past two or three months to sell the quantity of goods purchased. We intend making up for lost time.

New Waists, not shown before; usual value \$3.50; now ..... \$2.50

All Styles and Patterns in the lot. See them displayed in the department TODAY.

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Evening Goods  
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Ladies' Vici Kid, Pat. Tip, Welt, Lace Shoes for winter (New York make) ..... \$4.50  
Girls' Vici Kid, Pat. Tip, Spring Heel Lace Shoes (New York make) ..... \$2.75  
Girls' Superfine Box Calf, Spring Heel Lace Shoes (New York make) ..... \$2.25  
Children's, sizes 8 to 11, in same class as above ..... \$1.75 and \$2.25

### Shoe Department

Shipments of New Footwear arriving daily from noted manufacturers, whose stamp means a guarantee for worth and wear.

Men's Dogskin, Calf lined, Hand-sewed Lace Shoes (Ducks) ..... \$5.00

Men's Box Calf, Winter Lace Shoes, 3 styles (New York make) ..... \$4.50

Ladies' Vici Kid, Pat. Tip, Welt, Lace Shoes for winter (New York make) ..... \$4.50

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### Bargain Table Specials

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36 pair Ladies' Satin Slippers, mixed colors, values to \$5.00 ..... \$1.45  
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28 pairs Misses' Dongola Kid, Button or Lace Shoes, up to date, values \$1.75—SALE PRICE ..... \$1.45

36 pairs Children's Dongola Kid, Button or Lace Shoes, up to date, values \$1.50—SALE PRICE ..... \$1.25

22 pairs Young Ladies' School Lace Shoes, heavy, sizes 3 to 6, values \$2.00—SALE PRICE ..... \$1.35

27 pairs Ladies' Kid Turn Slippers (Albino pattern), values \$2.00 ..... \$1.45  
SALE PRICE ..... \$1.45

N.B.—A large assortment of Ladies' Fancy Crochet Redroom Slippers, in splendid design, prices \$1.00 and \$1.25. Don't wait till they're all gone.

### Leather Goods

Leather Writing Cases, 50c. to \$3 each

Leather Dressing Cases ..... \$2.75 to \$6.50 each

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A large variety of Purses, Card Cases, Pen Wipers, Cigar Cases, Bottles, Match Safes, Pipe Cases, and Music Rolls, from ..... 25c. to \$3.00 each

### Cut Glass

Berry Bowls, Celery Trays, Bon-Bon Dishes, Tumblers, Water Bottles, Sugar and Cruet Sets, from ..... \$1.50 to \$20 a piece

Heavy Plate-Glass Mirrors in gilt frames ..... \$1.50 to \$6.00 each

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Sterling Silver Novelties, 25c. to \$25 ea.

### Xmas and New Year Cards

Chiming Bells—a choice selection of 8 cards, including envelopes ..... 15c. box

Memory Pages—box of 6 artistic cards ..... 15c. box

Christmas Cards, Memories, Poppy, all at ..... 25c. box with envelopes

The Tonic—box of Children's Xmas and New Year's Cards, containing 10 cards and envelopes ..... 25c. box

Better Boxes ..... 50c. and \$1.00 box

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## Local News

Friendly Help.—The regular meeting of the Friendly Help Society will be held this morning at 11 o'clock. Business of importance in connection with the Christmas arrangements will be discussed.

Scottish Concert.—Speyside Lodge, Sons of Scotland, give a grand concert this evening in Sir William Wallace hall. An excellent programme (which appeared in Sunday's Colonist) has been prepared, and all who attend may be assured of an enjoyable evening.

Course of Lectures.—On Wednesday evenings during Advent, Rev. Canon Newton will deliver a course of lectures in St. Barnabas' church. The first lecture will be given tomorrow evening, the subject being, "The Interest of Heaven in the Affairs of Earth." The lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Evangelistic Services.—The evangelistic services held all last week will be continued throughout the week. Saturday excepted, commencing at 8 o'clock, to which all are invited to be present. Choir will be in attendance. The pastor, Rev. E. S. Rowe, will address the meeting tonight.

Voters' League.—The Voters' League will meet at the City hall this evening at 8 o'clock, to discuss the plan of "Provincial Expenditure and Results" pertaining to railroads and railroad bonuses. The Carnegie library in its relation to other public buildings will also be given consideration. All interested in these matters are cordially invited to attend.

Thanks.—The manager of the Old Men's Home acknowledges with thanks the following donations received at the home during the month of November: Mrs. George Carter, 10 Pemberton, 100; Mrs. A. G. Langlois, 100; Mr. Shakespeare and Mr. George Marsden, Newspapers.

Secured New Position.—Mr. E. A. Engel, meter reader and collector for the B. C. Electric Railway Company, has been offered, and has accepted, a position as time-keeper, etc., on the Nickel Plate mine, Similkameen country. Mr. Engel left Victoria to take up his new duties a few days ago, and carries with him the best wishes of the tramway company and a host of friends for his future success.

Got Three Months.—As mentioned in Sunday morning's Colonist, Alznon Eggelston was arrested by Provincial Police Officer Campbell on Saturday morning on the charge of having stolen \$25 from John Williams, acting bombarder on board H. M. S. Grafton. He was convicted of the charge in the Police court yesterday morning, and Magistrate Hall sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Dance at Duncan's.—The date of the annual subscription dance, under the auspices of the Cowichan Agricultural Association, has been fixed for Wednesday, December 17. This is one of the events of the winter season in Cowichan, and it can confidently be predicted, will on this occasion again prove the success it has always been. The proceeds will be devoted to re-roofing the Agricultural hall.

A Record Broken.—Yesterday was the first day under the new Election Regulation Act on which qualified voters could register for the forthcoming municipal elections, and all records were broken in the number who took advantage of the opportunity to declare their intention of exercising the franchise. In former years there have been but few declarations until the evening of the day of the election, but yesterday, on the first day, no less than 16 persons made declarations. This would seem to indicate that the ratepayers intend taking a more than usual amount of interest in the approaching elections.

Mid-Week Concert.—The Fifth Regiment band special mid-week promenade concert at the Drill hall tomorrow evening promises to be especially attractive. The big extra attraction for this concert is, undoubtedly, basketball. Oakland's James Bay, The Oakland team, who are making a tour of the Coast cities, are passengers on the steamer Majestic this afternoon, and will spend tomorrow night in Victoria. The players of interest in the city. The physique of the visitors is of the highest standard, and their sportsmanlike attitude in coming from a distance to play basketball, is a large attendance. An excellent musical programme is being prepared, which, taken in conjunction with the above, should prove a source of pleasure to all who attend.

Organ Recital.—At the conclusion of the evening service at St. John's on Sunday, when the pastor preached, a beautiful sermon on the text, "It is high time to awake out of sleep," the first of the Advent series of organ recitals was given. The recitalists who took part were Mrs. A. J. Clyde, who sang "O That I Knew Where I Might Find Him" very effectively; Mrs. Harry Young, who is the fortunate possessor of a good soprano voice; singing, favorably, the composition of Messrs. "O for the Wings of a Dove," in a faultless manner, and Mr. F. Waddington, who has a good baritone voice, singing a most attractive "Hail, Hail, the King," by W. H. Judge, every word of which was so clearly articulated as to be heard in the farthest corner of the church. Mr. Longfield gave four organ solos, the latest being a specially designed poster now hanging in the windows of Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., on Government street, and reflects great credit on the artist. The sale of work, luncheon, afternoon tea and "Jack the Giant-Killer," will come off notwithstanding the state of the weather, which everyone hopes may be favorable—a fine and frosty day, as a study of the cards and newspapers will show that Wednesday is the only day; but the sale of work, afternoon tea and musical comedy will be held on Tuesday, as well as Wednesday.

Today.—At length the gala day has arrived, and hundreds of Victorians will learn through the Colonist while breaking their fast, that the great attraction of the opening week of December is actually within sight, and a few short hours later a long procession of eager purchasers and interested spectators will start from Port at North, South, East and West, bound for Philharmonic hall. The occasion is the annual bazaar of the ladies of the Incorporated Episcopal church, and will be declared open at 3 o'clock by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. The programme for Tuesday and Wednesday has been published through several channels, the latest being a specially designed poster now hanging in the windows of Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., on Government street, and reflects great credit on the artist. The sale of work, luncheon, afternoon tea and "Jack the Giant-Killer," will come off notwithstanding the state of the weather, which everyone hopes may be favorable—a fine and frosty day, as a study of the cards and newspapers will show that Wednesday is the only day; but the sale of work, afternoon tea and musical comedy will be held on Tuesday, as well as Wednesday.

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Lanterns that won't blow out, \$1.00; Dash-board Lanterns, 90c.; other kinds, 60c. and 65c.; Bull's-eye Lanterns, 20c. and 25c.; at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

## NANAIMO WAKING UP.

Board of Trade Endorses Proposal to Form a Tourist Association.

The Nanaimo Board of Trade met last Friday evening and amongst other business transacted a committee was appointed, composed of Messrs. Smith, Barker and Heddle, to confer with the City Council on the subject of forming a tourist association, and the committee was voted the sum of \$100 to defray the cost of preliminary work.

Outside of Victoria there are few, if any cities or towns possessing more scenic attractions than Nanaimo, and the proposed tourist association is the very best means of bringing these natural beauties to the notice of the traveling public. Nanaimo is to be congratulated on following Victoria's example in this matter, and may find it highly profitable to work in conjunction with the Victoria association.

SIDNEY.

Social by Members of the Methodist Church.

A social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greyhound on Sunday, under the auspices of the Methodist church. A very favorable programme was arranged, consisting of instrumental solos by Mrs. Walter Campbell, Miss Horne and Miss Edith Beithour, vocal solos by Mr. Robert Thompson, Mr. S. Thomas, of Victoria, and patriotic songs by Misses Helen Hargis, Lillian Beithour and Olive Roberts. Games of various kinds were played to amuse the young folks, while the older ones served refreshments. A very enjoyable time was spent in a profitable manner, and after a vote of thanks was tendered to the host and hostess for their kindness, it was decided to have another social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, on Wednesday, December 3, which will be eagerly looked forward to. The Rev. T. W. Wright was chairman for the occasion.

## ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH.

The Edifice Blessed by Bishop Orth on Sunday.

Duncan, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—In spite of the inclemency of the weather on Sunday, the ceremony of blessing the new St. Edward's church here was well attended. Right Rev. Bishop Orth, assisted by Rev. Father Stern, officiated, the Bishop at the conclusion giving a very instructive and interesting discourse upon church dedication. But the principal feature of interest was the musical programme executed by the Mill Bay choir (conducted by Mont. Deloume), which forms the Mill Bay orchestra, whose rendering of the "Cantata of Bagdad" and "Washington Post" during the play "A Scrap of Paper" a short while ago, drew forth such enthusiastic applause.

Two very feeling solos, the "Et In carnis Est," and "O Salutaris," were very effectively sung by Mons. Deloume and Miss A. Deloume, whose voice will long be remembered by the congregation. Other solos were taken, respectively, by Mr. L. Deloume, Mr. H. Sturmer and Miss Lafortune, assisted by Miss A. Deloume.

After the ceremony the clergy and choir ensemble proceeded to the Quinlan hotel, where full justice was done to an ample luncheon.

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## CIVIL CASES AT SUPREME COURT

Sitting Will Open This Morning  
Before Mr. Justice  
Irving.

This morning at 11 o'clock the sittings of the Supreme court will open for the trial of civil cases. Mr. Justice Irving will preside. The first case on the list, which is to be tried by a special jury, is brought by the Alaska Packers' association, owners of the bark Santa Clara, which was wrecked on Trial Island last Christmas. Claim is made against the owner of the tug Mystery for damages, on account of alleged negligence in attempting to get the Santa Clara off the rocks. Messrs. Bodwell & Duff appears for the plaintiffs; Tupper, Peters & Griffin for defendant.

In the Admiralty court yesterday Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following applications: Waterhouse vs. Wille, Thornton Fell for defendant, obtained an order for delivery to plaintiffs, costs of application in the cause. L. Crease, for plaintiffs.

Hackett vs. Hackett. On motion for directions, L. Bond, for plaintiff, obtained leave to issue a motion returnable on 22nd inst. Costs reserved.

In Foster vs. Coizdarappa, in the County court, Mr. Justice Drake has handed down judgment. His Lordship awards Foster \$110 as damages.

In Chambers the following matters were disposed of: Evans vs. Miller. Security for costs was ordered, \$100 to be deposited. A. C. Sutton, for defendant; P. Higgins, contra.

Re W. A. Anderson, winding-up. An issue was directed, with claimants as plaintiffs. F. Higgins, for claimants; C. B. Macneil, for Canadian Bank of Commerce, opposing, and A. D. Crease, for liquidator.

Houtlier vs. Logan. Defendant was granted an order for particulars, defence to be delivered within five days from particulars, and plaintiff to be at liberty to examine defendant. A. P. R.

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N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

Martin for plaintiff, J. M. Bradburn contra.

Re Lenora, Mt. Sicker company, winding-up. James Rogers' petition for a winding-up order was dismissed with costs, without prejudice to his right to bring a further petition. The winding-up order granted on Holmes & Co's petition still stands, and the company are appealing against it. W. E. Oliver, for company; J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

McLaren vs. McLoughlin. P. Higgins, for plaintiff, obtained a garnishee order nisi.

OBITUARY.

Charles Birch Laid to Rest by His Brothers of the F. O. E.

The funeral of the late Charles Birch took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company at 2:30 p.m. Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles attended in a body. Religious services were conducted by the worthy president, G. W. Wood, assisted by J. Wachter, chaplain. The pall-bearers were: W. E. Wheeler, W. Thompson, P. Christensen, S. A. Bandy, H. Petticrew and W. N. Tyson.

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The trouble with most gloves is—they don't wear—and then there is another trouble—they don't fit as they should.

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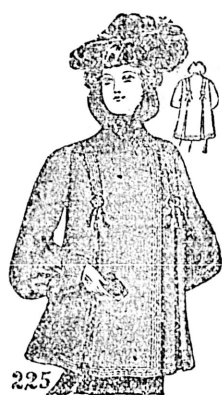
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## Library Site

## Not Selected.

## Ald. Vincent's Motion Was Voted Down at Council Meeting.

## A Considerable Volume of Business Transacted at Weekly Session.

A considerable amount of important business was transacted at yesterday evening's meeting of the City Council, but nothing of transcendental interest occurred. Ald. Vincent's motion that the City Council should fix the library site on the ground opposite the post office was defeated, notwithstanding the plucky efforts of the member from the South Ward to have it carried. The Point Ellice bridge contract still remains in statu quo.

## POINT ELICE BRIDGE.

A. G. Goward, local manager of the R. U. Electric Railway company wrote as follows:

Gentlemen,—Acting under advice received from our General Manager, I find that your engineers have examined the amount of plans supplied by the Victoria Machinery Depot, and covering the construction of a riveted bridge at Point Ellice. Our engineers advise us, that, although the plans as submitted appear in the main to be correct, still in an important way they are defective. The amount of steel plan changed to such an extent by various amendments and alterations written in pen and ink on the face, as to make it impossible to construct the bridge as shown. We, therefore, must ask to be supplied with a detailed plan of the bridge, showing every part of it with a specification applicable to the design. We must also ask that sufficient time, say ten days, be allowed us to have the same properly examined and reported upon.

## ALBERT T. GOWARD, Local Manager.

The Mayor explained that Mr. Spratt had that evening handed him a telegram which had been forwarded by Mr. Morris, the Victoria Machinery Depot's engineer, in which the latter had re-drawn the plans to meet the views of Mr. Cambie, and had handed the same to Mr. Bell.

The Victoria Machinery Depot wrote as follows:

Sir,—We desire hereby to confirm the verbal offer made by us on Monday last to His Worship the Mayor, the effect of which was to build a bridge at Point Ellice, on plans to be approved by the City Council, and to be paid for by the City of Victoria, at the rate of six and a half cents per pound.

We regard that a further delay of a few



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days seems unavoidable in order that complete detailed plans may be prepared and the necessary approval obtained, but this would not result in any injury to the city or postpone its final completion, as we are prepared and now offer to fully complete the riveted bridge within ten months from this date, instead of from date of signing contract, as previously mentioned.

Per C. J. V. SPRATT.

On motion of Ald. Cameron, seconded by Ald. Williams, the letters were referred to the Streets and Bridges committee for report.

Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for the province in London, wrote informing the board that, acting under instructions, he had placed certain advertisements in the newspapers, and enclosing accounts for same. Received and filed.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, on behalf of a client in the matter of the settlement of the claims of the Broad Street Extension By-law, complained that there was an overpayment of \$810.50. Simon Duck wrote to the same effect, the amount which he had overpaid being \$155.42.

Referred to the treasurer and auditor for report.

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## PETITIONS.

T. J. Jones and 150 others forwarded a petition favoring the passage of a by-law granting the extension of time asked to the Victoria Terminal company.

Laid on the table.

Cyrus H. Jones and others, re accounts of the R. C. Agricultural association, having been audited at once, and settled within one month's time. They were also in favor of the holding of another exhibition next year, as it was a great benefit to the city. Laid upon the table.

## CARNegie LIBRARY.

STEPHEN JONES and others wrote as follows:

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned rate-payers of your city, hereby request that in the event of your renewing the question of a site for the proposed Carnegie library, you will be pleased to entertain the purchase by the city, of the site at the N. W. corner of Yates and Blanchard streets, for the building, but we are quite certain that no other advantageous site can be obtained for anything like the sum of \$7,400.

In the event of your offering this site, as an inducement to your doing so, we hereby undertake and guarantee that we will pay all the purchase price for the said lot over and above \$4,500. We venture to express the opinion that the lot will acquire a valuable piece of land, and not only in our opinion is the best and most suitable site for the building, but we are quite certain that no other advantageous site can be obtained for anything like the sum of \$7,400.

STEPHEN JONES, ARTHUR J. GARESCHE, R. J. PETER, RICHARD HALL.

The petition was laid upon the table until Mr. Vincent's motion could be reached. Mr. Vincent's motion was reached. The Mayor remarked that though it was in order, he thought it would be a breach of faith with the people to pass Ald. Vincent's motion.

Ald. Vincent said his only object in pressing the matter was to get the council to do some thing daily with the matter intently.

Ald. McCandless agreed with Mayor Hayward's position. They must not break faith with the people.

Ald. Bannard wanted to know if Ald. McCandless was agreeable to submitting another by-law to the people now, asking for a selection from all the sites owned by the city?

Ald. McCandless did not commit himself.

The motion being put, it was lost, only three voting in the affirmative. Ald. Vincent, Bannard and Cameron, but we are quite certain that no other advantageous site can be obtained for anything like the sum of \$7,400.

REPORTS.

The Electric Light committee reported in favor of installing a light on the corner of David and Pleasant streets.

The Finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$3,540.40. Adopted.

The Streets, Sewers and Bridges committee reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undersigned subjects, has to report as follows:

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Re communication from Hugh Findlay, asking for a sidewalk on Davis street. Recommended that the sum of \$20 be expended for this purpose. City Engineer's report of November 3rd.

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# FOR SALE BY TENDER.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including 6th December, 1902, for Lot 394, on the North side of Johnson Street, between Blanchard and Queen Streets, Victoria, B. C. On said lot there is a building containing 24 workmen's Cabins, and also one small cottage. The assessed value of the property is \$2500.00. The highest, or any tender, will not necessarily be accepted.

PEMBERTON & SON, 45 Fort Street

# AUCTION

FRIDAY 5th.

At Salerooms, 77-79 Douglas Street.

At 11 a. m.

30 Cases of Ladies' and Childrens' RUBBERS

AT 2 P. M.

Balance of Consignment of CLOTH

And Other Goods.

Particulars Thursday.

W. T. Hardaker, The Auctioneer

## THE WEATHER.

Victoria, Dec. 1-5 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is highest on the California coast, while an area of low pressure is central over the northern part of the province. These conditions will probably cause a continuance of fresh westerly winds on Straths and Coast. Two in. snow is reported from Barkerville, and light rain has fallen in Western Oregon and Washington. Cold weather is general. In the Northwest the weather is chiefly cloudy and cold, with occasional falls of snow in Alberta and Assinabola.

## TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	44
New Westminster	38	44
Kamloops	30	34
Barkerville	19	25
Calgary	24	28
Whitby	24	28
Portland, Ore.	42	46
San Francisco	50	56

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Fresh or strong westerly wind, mostly cloudy and rain, followed by occasional rain or sleet tonight or Wednesday; Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, partly cloudy and cold, followed by rain or sleet tonight or Wednesday.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30.

Deg. Mean.

5 a. m. 38

Noon 44

5 p. m. 40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a. m. 16 miles west.

Noon 16 miles west.

5 p. m. 12 miles.

Average state of weather—Italy.

Rain—2.07 inches.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.570

Corrected.....29.569

Mean temperature for November.....44.0

Total precipitation for November.....6.15 in.

Total yearly to date.....29.22 in.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.46

AMERICA'S CUP.

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 1.—Now that the construction of the new cup defender has fairly begun, the keel having been successfully laid, it is possible to give in a general way a few of the principal features of this new defender.

The new defender will be 25 feet long and 25 feet wide. To all outward appearances the new boat will not differ in a very great degree from any of the 90-footers turned out by the Herreshoffs during the past 10 years. It will have the same spoon bow, the same long overhang aft, and the same modified fin keel. It will, however, have a keel which will be slightly broader than the Constitution, which had a beam of 25 feet and 2 1/2 inches. The keel will also be longer and heavier than the Constitution, but at the same time she will not draw so much water. She will carry in the neighborhood of 15,000 square feet of sail. The methods of construction pursued in the case of the Columbia and Constitution will be followed in the new boat. The keel plates will be flanged and webbed in three sections, and much of the bracing will be the same. The workmen today removed the balance of the timbers and clay about the keel and tomorrow the carpenters will commence smoothing the outer part of the lead in preparation for the fitting of the plates. The after end of the lead keel appears to be some two feet lower than the forward end.

## The Leader

Ninety-nine per cent. of the business of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has been acquired since 1859, when the next largest company began business. During these forty-two years its record has EXCEEDED that of any other company, by

Total Income,	\$216,813,510
Payments to Policyholders,	188,063,836
Premium Income,	134,732,611
Interest Income,	82,175,981
Surrender Values,	67,883,475
Death Claims,	44,822,897
Dividends,	38,127,777
Endowments and Annuities,	37,229,689

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## Siam's Next King Here

(Continued From Page One.)

as the stray dogs and the maimed cattle, the halt and the blind, man or beast, who assemble in the streets of Bangkok, and who are assured of a welcome and of such food as the medicaments of the yellow robe have brought home in their bowls. And when these needs have been satisfied, and if there is anything left, why the brethren of the yellow robe, including the royal prince, may eat without giving offence.

Upon the way the young Prince bears himself as a mendicant much may be seen, not only in these simple Siamese, but in his own subjects, and in his advancement to the throne, with its greater responsibilities, its more arduous services, and its more exacting duties, the yellow robe worthily can hope to wear a crown.

QUEEN'S TRAGIC DEATH.

It was in 1895—seven years ago—that the Crown Prince was proclaimed as the heir to the Siamese throne—two years after he started on his education at the manner of the Occident. It was at the time of the death of his mother, and at the time of the death of his father, that the Crown Prince was chosen as the heir.

The death of the favorite Queen occurred at a great Siamese festival, when the king and queen were thronged with the gala barges, propelled by 20 or 40 banks of oars, which are seen only on state occasions or at "court" parties.

There was a collision; a royal barge went down, and with it the first Queen, who, weighed with jewels, could not even make a struggle for her life. After this tragedy, the son of the unhappy consort having met with a mysterious end, the present queen was promoted and her son, the Crown Prince, was selected by the king from his almost innumerable male offspring as heir to the throne.

THE CROWN PRINCE.

Before this tragedy occurred, the Crown Prince had gone to England, and after studying privately, he entered the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. Here he devoted himself to the work at hand without claiming any special honors, and he was selected by the king to complete the course in the time, graduating at the head of his class in some of his studies—an honor especially merited, considering the fact that he pursued his studies in a foreign language.

After his course at Sandhurst, he was attached for a year to the Durham Light Infantry. He then became a student at Christ Church, Oxford, but not being a regular matriculant, he was not admitted to a degree. Here again he distinguished himself as a student, and especially in the study of history, in which branch he presented original investigations and wrote a treatise on "The War on the Polish Succession" of such value that the university authorities saw fit to publish the work. When he left Oxford, he took up the study of law, specializing in international law, and perfected himself in French, which he speaks fluently. He has spent his vacations visiting systematically the other countries of Europe and Egypt for recreation and observation, including especially the study of government administration and institutions, and seeking information that would be better prepared him for his kingly duties when he shall be called upon for the discharge of them.

A REFORMER.

Nine years abroad, it is stated by those connected with the Crown Prince, in direct communication with the Crown Prince, have changed the ideas of the young man, who has just passed his 22nd year. It is even intimated that he will come to the throne to assume the responsibilities of the throne, and that he will be the first to abolish polygamy. He will take to himself the law of the country. He has expressed himself as wanting a company of young men to grow up around him with similar ideas. He wants Siamese to be a Western country, and of the East. Though an Oriental at his finger tips he wants Occidental soldiers, sailors, artisans, mechanics, and all the modern conveniences of the West. He wants Western dress, Western civilization, and Western ideas. He has talked of all of these things and it may be that when he arrives at the throne, which he is to rule his own father, who from his host of children, chose him to be his heir, he will fall to recognize him the son he sent to foreign lands in 1892.

KING CHULALONGKOR.

The present King of Siam is Chulalongkora I. He succeeded his father, the remarkable King Mongkut, in 1868. He has visited the countries of Europe, as well as the United States, and his quick perception, noble patriotism, and ardent love for his people have caused him to introduce many reforms, and to put in operation what he has learned from the welfare of both noble and peasant. He is ready at all times to consider propositions looking to the betterment of conditions in Siam, and will cheerfully lend his aid to those that promise success. While the king is an absolute sovereign, he has introduced not only a privy council, and a cabinet, but also a legislative council, and in no instance has he exercised his autocratic powers. It can be truly said that no sovereign now reigning has of his own volition, and of his own initiative done so much for his own country. He richly appreciates the benefits of foreign travel, and study, and consequently sent his sons abroad in order that they may become the better fitted for the high calling. In addition, the government maintains about 90 young men abroad, while they prosecute their advanced studies, and he has sent to the king the King has made the only complete collection of the Buddhist scriptures. These he annotated and personally explained their meaning to his subjects. Siamese. Four sets of the 35 volumes

of this important book were presented to libraries in this country. In appreciation of their scholarly production, the University of Oxford conferred upon the King the degree of D. C. L.

## SIAM'S RELIGION.

The religion of Siam is Buddhism, but it is not observed to the exclusion of other sects. It is doubtful if there be a more liberal country in the world in the matter of religion. Any sect or creed is free to seek converts so long as no interference with public conditions is threatened. There are several "Protestant" establishments in Siam that are built on ground given for that purpose by the present King and his father, and in more than one instance their principals have been taken into government service. Every male Buddhist now serves for a time in the priesthood. Here he becomes familiar with the doctrine and ritual of his religion and devotes his spare time in giving instruction to the children of the neighborhood. This service, for the small amount of illiteracy found here, and also for the readiness with which they adopt the new things of merit to which their attention is called, in addition to the elementary instruction here given, a number of high schools, normal schools and colleges under government direction afford an opportunity for all who desire a higher education. The courses of study embrace, in addition to the native language and literature, most of the topics taught in similar institutions in this country.

## HEART OF FURTHER INDIA.

Siam has been called the "Heart of Further India," not only because of its central position, and the influence it has exercised on the neighboring countries, but also because it has maintained its native government while the surrounding nations have all fallen under foreign sway. On the north are the States, some of which are now under British protection, as also Burma and some of the lower Malay states. France, on the east holds sway in Tonkin, Annam and in Cambodia on the south.

The King of Siam is the central portion of the Indo-Chinese peninsula. It extends across the north of the Gulf of Siam, and the whole of the Malay Peninsula, and on the West reaches almost to the end of the Malay peninsula. This gulf is doubtless of recent origin, and the cause they are assured of a welcome and of such food as the medicaments of the yellow robe have brought home in their bowls. And when these needs have been satisfied, and if there is anything left, why the brethren of the yellow robe, including the royal prince, may eat without giving offence.

## RICH IN MINES.

The central compact portion of Siam consists of a low alluvial plain, reaching northwest in three main divisions, which are separated by mountain ranges more or less irregular. On the north these mountains reach the altitude of 7,000 and 8,000 feet. Some of the lower hills are covered with iron ore, and the central portion of the country is rich in minerals, such as iron, coal, and copper are found in many places, and only await modern methods to be productive.

## SIAM'S FOREIGN TRADE.

The foreign trade of Siam is carried chiefly by English and German vessels, and consequently is exchanged for goods manufactured in those countries. Siam is a country of great natural resources, and for political as well as economic reasons, Siam is looking to other countries for the establishment of trade relations. The creation in the United States of an independent nation, with an enviable extraordinary and a minister plenipotentiary is doubtless a move in this direction.

## MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

Internal improvements during the past few years have been unparalleled, and now one can almost speak of Siam as a new country. Three lines of railways have been constructed and a fourth is under construction. The electric street cars and electric lighting have been installed, telephones are seen everywhere, sewerage systems are being elaborated, sawmills and rice mills built in great numbers, and the most recent inventions of the world are finding markets in the principal cities.

## SIAM'S CAPITAL.

Bangkok, one of the largest cities in the East, has a population of about 250,000. It is the center of the entire population of Siam being about sixteen millions. Some of the cities having a population of more than 100,000 are: Chantaboon, Chiang Mai, Ayutthia, Lakhon, Rangoon, and Nakhon.

## FREE FROM DEBT.

Rich mines are now being worked, and the valuable teak forests are farmed out under close government supervision. The revenue from these two sources is sufficient to meet the expenses of the kingdom, so that Siam presents the unique example of a country free from debt and with minimum taxation.

## SIAM'S GREAT RIVER.

Through practically the center of the kingdom flows the great Menam—the Nile of Siam. For 400 miles it is free from rapids, and under normal conditions serves as a carrier of a large portion of the country's interior traffic. Parallel to the Menam, there are three other rivers which are useful for traffic, and also for irrigating the country. The Menam is the chief waterway along the head of the Gulf. This is an important feature in a country where water transportation is carried on under such economic conditions.

## MARKET FOR MACHINERY.

Agriculture is the chief occupation of the people, and because of the fertility of the soil, only a small amount of land is required to supply their wants. For this reason, as well as on account of the absence of manufactures in Siam, the country is a large purchaser of wares and goods of all sorts. Canada could here find a market for machinery, and of manufactured articles.

## CLIMATE IN SIAM.

Although lying wholly within the torrid zone, and therefore devoid of the welcome mutations of temperature, the oppressive heat of the plains of India is nowhere met in Siam. Even in March and April, the hottest months, the local southwest wind makes Bangkok tolerable for Europeans, and by exercising discretion in diet the foreigner has nothing to fear in the matter of heat. The mountains on the southwest are a protection against the monsoon, that is so much dreaded in Burma, and render the capital a cooler place than the cities of the interior.

## IRRIGATION SCHEME.

The rain fall at Bangkok is about 60 inches annually. This is ample for flooding the rice fields, and filling the rivers so as to float the heavy trade that passes down. An extension of the system of irrigation is now under construction, and the entire Menam valley into muddy fields and enable Siam to meet the increasing demand for its unequalled rice.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Merrymaking Spoiled by an Accident. Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—(Special)—During a turkey shoot at Elgin village, on the Canadian Northern line, today, Nicholas Wileford accidentally shot Angus Leslie in the back with a repeating shotgun at a distance of not more than four feet. The wound is not serious, and Leslie is expected to recover. The shooting party, which was a large one, is now in the hands of the police.

## Piles

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## STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER

### Records of Various Branches of Public Service For Past Month.

The following figures show the volume of business done by His Majesty's customs for the port of Victoria during the month of November:

Imports, free	\$15,428
Imports, dutiable	\$187,121
Exports, domestic	\$179,553
Exports, foreign	\$19,778
Total trade	\$501,880
Revenue, duty	\$80,062.21
Chinese tax	\$19,078.00
Sundry	750.79
	\$80,500.00

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The city has been singularly fortunate of late in the matter of fires. In October the fire brigade was not called out at all, and in November only two alarms were sounded. The first of these was on the 11th, when the brigade was called on to extinguish a trifling blaze in Miner's jewelry store, and the second on Saturday morning, when a smouldering fire was discovered in the First Presbyterian church. The latter was extinguished by the fire department.

### POLICE STATISTICS.

There was a total of 97 entries made in the police blotter at the lock-up during the month of November, but most of these were for minor offences. Twenty-four common drunks and 29 locked up "for safe keeping" account for nearly 60 per cent. of these culpables. Then a lack of spontaneity in answering the demands of the tax collector was the cause of 13 other entries, and the Happy Holligans numbered nine, so that there were but 22 other notes distributed over the month.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

Records at the registry office for the month of November show the following vital statistics: Births, 35; marriages, 13; deaths, 25.

### CITY LIBRARY.

There were issued from the City Library in November, 2,098 books, including 458, gentlemen, 1,100. The highest number issued on one day, 141; the average number 82. Fifty-one new members joined the library. Of these 23 were ladies, 28 gentlemen. There were added to library shelves: Vols. 20 and 22 of the Nineteenth Century series, the presidents of the U. S. A. from Jefferson to Fillmore, The Progress of Agriculture in the Century, Journals of Legislative Assembly of B. C., 21 February 21 June, 1902.

### Wise Ways of Women.

No "prizes" offered with common soaps will long tempt the wise woman to use common soaps. The wise woman soon sees she has to pay dearly for "prizes" in the low quality of soap, in the damage common soaps do her clothes and her hands. The wise woman considers her health—so soon ruined if she were to continue breathing the steam of adulterated common soaps. The wise woman recognizes the difference between such soaps and Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar. 212

### New Fall Clothes For Boys

The largest and best assorted stock of thoroughly reliable clothing and boys to be found in Victoria. Exceptional values are offered here always in boys wearing apparel.

Boys' 2-Piece Suits, sizes 24 to 28, dark grey Oxford tweed, and Vienna serge, \$2.60, \$2.40 and \$2.

Boys' Fancy Three-Piece Suits, some very well new designs for the little fellows, ages 4 to 8, at \$4.90, \$3.50 and \$2.50.

Boys' Three-Piece Short Trousers Suits, ages 11 to 16, Fine tweeds, serges, and all wares, nearly 300 suits to choose from at \$6.25, \$5.25, \$4.75, \$4.25 and \$3.80.

Boys' long trouser suits, ages 11 to 17, serges, tweeds, and all wares, a grand showing of the season's best styles, \$10, \$12, \$10, \$8.75, \$7.25, \$6.50 and \$5.

Boys' odd long trousers, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 pair.

Boys' short knicker pants, sizes 22 to 32, with double seat, double knees and double sewed seams, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Boys' Reefer Top Coats, all sizes, for all sizes of boys, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.75.

Boys' Ulster Overcoats, large storm collar, slash pockets and tweed lining, \$5.50 each.

Boys' rubber coats, all sizes, \$2 each.

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Registered office of the Company, No. 19 Broad Street, Victoria.

The company's leases and plans of the property may be seen at the office of the company's solicitor, C. H. Lugin, McGregor block.

H. H. JONES, Secretary Pro Tem.

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